Sub-Regional EPF office at Keonjhar, Orissa

1285. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request to open a Sub-Regional EPF Office at Keonjhar, Orissa;

(b) whether it is a fact that Regional Committee of Orissa in its meeting No. 60 held on the 3rd May, 2002 also recommended opening of Sub-Regional EPF Office at Keonjhar; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. However, the proposal was not found feasible as it did not meet the minimum requirement of various parameters as per the norms evolved for the purpose of opening of Sub-Regional office of EPFO.

ESI cover to employees in Karnataka

1286. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees covered, so far, under Employees State Insurance Act in Karnataka;

(b) whether it has come to Government's notice that a large number of Establishments which have more than twenty five workers are not yet covered under ESI Act in the State; and

(c) whether Government would conduct an extensive survey in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) As on 31.3.2003 the number of employees covered under the Employees State Insurance Act in Karnataka was 7,18,432.

(b) No Sir. However, the Regional Office, ESI Corporation, Karnataka had received 23 complaints regarding non-coverage. After a survey and